VIII. *A Letter from Mr* Ralph Thoresby, *F.R.S. to Dr* Hans Sloane, *R. S. Secr. Concerning large Stones voided* per Urethram.

Leedes, Nov. 26. 1711.

Honoured Sir,

SOmething extraordinary happening in the Caſe of a young Man who dyed yeſterday, pleaſe to accept of the Relation of it, as follows. *Joſhua* the Son of *Thomas Spurrit*, a poor Clothier upon the *Quarry-Hill* near this Town, having been for a long time ſadly afflicted with the Stone, was the laſt Year in an extraordinary manner tormented. I have 3 Stones that he voided, which are of a great bigneſs to paſs the *Penis*, and five more that he could not get rid of without the kind aſſiſtance of Mr. *S. Pollard*, an Ingenious Surgeon of this Town; who by an Inciſion made way for them, as they came ſeverally near the *Glans:* When ever one of theſe great Stones broke out, there was a Crack within his Body, as if the Sphincter Muſcle, or Bladder itſelf, was rent. Till this Inſtance I thought it (I confeſs) impoſſible, that the Ureters (which are naturally no thicker than a Barley Straw) or the Urinary Paſſage was capable of receiving Stones of this Dimenſion. I have ſent you one of the 5 (neither the biggeſt or leaſt of them) to know whether it be really ſo extraordinary as I apprehend: This Day the Youth being diſſected, there were found in the top of his Bladder (which was contracted like a Purſe) two prodigious large Stones; one eſpecially which I meaſured, and it was rather more than 5 Inches

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ches and a half one way, and 4 the other; it weighed two Ounces, wanting 3 Drams: The other ſeems lighter, and weighs but one Dram above an Ounce. There were two very odd Stones taken out of the Right Kidney; the Left was wholly degenerated into a kind of Mucilage: And betwixt the Neck of the Bladder and the end of the *Penis* (which was mortified thereby) were lodged no leſs than half a dozen ſuch Stones as this herewith ſent you; which if it be as rare, as we are ready to apprehend here, you will not grudge, tho' it put you to the Charge of double Poſtage, from

Sir,

Your moſt obliged

and moſt humble Servant,

RALPH THORESBY.

P. S. There was little Moiſture left in the Bladder; the Ureters being broke off, and almoſt wholly conſumed.